The ACTION Campaign represents over 2,200 organizations and businesses working to address our nation’s severe shortage of affordable rental housing by supporting the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit.

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THE LOW-INCOME HOUSING TAX CREDIT’S IMPACT IN ILLINOIS’S 18th DISTRICT

THE HOUSING CREDIT’S BENEFITS FOR LOW-INCOME FAMILIES & THE ECONOMY
1986 – 2017

- 3,654 homes developed or preserved in IL-18
- 4,129 jobs supported for one year
- $155 million tax revenue generated
- $394 million wages & business income generated

THE NEED FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING

The Housing Credit, combined with other key resources, has had a tremendous impact in Illinois. However, much more affordable housing is still needed to meet the growing demand.

- 419,221 renter households in Illinois pay more than half of their monthly income on rent, leaving too little for other expenses like health care, transportation and nutritious food.
- In order to afford a modest one-bedroom apartment, a minimum wage worker in Illinois has to work 85 hours per week.

ADDRESSING OUR NATION’S SEVERE SHORTAGE OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING

- 17,727 additional affordable homes could be built in Illinois over the next ten years through a 50 percent increase in Housing Credit allocation authority.

The Housing Credit is a proven solution to help address the affordable housing crisis.

The Housing Credit is our nation’s most successful tool for encouraging private investment in affordable rental housing. It has financed over 3 million apartments nationwide since 1986, providing about 7.4 million low-income families, seniors, veterans, and people with disabilities homes they can afford.

Without the Housing Credit, it would be financially infeasible for the private sector to build affordable homes for the families that need them most.

The ACTION Campaign calls on Congress to:

- Expand the Housing Credit to make a meaningful dent in our nation’s severe shortage of affordable housing.
- Strengthen the Housing Credit by making it more streamlined and flexible.
- Enhance multifamily Housing Bonds, which provide critical financing to about 50 percent of Housing Credit developments.

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